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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE RESPONSE ON REQUEST TO FACILITATE GOS AND

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- 11. (C) USUN Poloffs delivered reftel points to Spanish First Secretary Ana Maria Mora and Rwandan First Secretary Alfred Ndabarasa on June 3.
- 12. (C) The Spanish Permanent Mission indicated that they were willing to do the meeting and promised to follow up with the Rwandan Mission independently. After an initial negative response, the Rwandan Mission called back to say that Ambassador Joseph Nsengimano had checked with his Foreign Minister and had spoken to the Rwandan Ambassador in Washington. The Rwandans said they had no objection to meeting with the Spanish PermRep but would like discuss the issue first with USUN D/PolCouns.
- 13. (C) Rwandan Ambassador Nsengimano met with USUN D/PolCouns on June 4. Ambassador Nsengimano said he has a close working relationship with the Spanish Permanent Mission and has presented Kigali's position on the Karake case to him personally. He assured USUN he has no difficulty communicating directly with the Spanish PermRep and suggested there would be no obvious value added to having the Rwandan prosecutor meet with the Spanish in New York. He also volunteered that Rwanda is content with the UN's approach to the Karake case, which he said has the Deputy Force commander position at UNAMID advertised for next October when General Karake is due for normal rotation. D/PolCouns replied that the U.S. was looking only to facilitate Rwandan-Spanish communication as the parties wished.

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